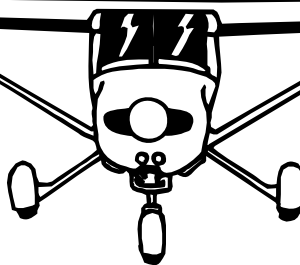


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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

8-9	Unit Commanders Course - Tulsa
14-16	FTX
22	Wing Safety Day
29	CD Training

November

5	Evaluator Course
11	Veteran's Day
12	Commemorative AF Hangar Dance
18-20	SAREX

December

3-4	Mission Staff Academics
9-11	Observer/Scanner Flying Clinic



COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col Joe R. Smith

Saturday, 22 October, will be the Oklahoma Wing's official "Safety Day." This is a mandatory event. For everyone. I expect every Oklahoma CAP member to be there. Why? I want every CAP member in Oklahoma to understand clearly the importance we place on our safety program. Our missions for America are important. Our members must be able to accomplish these congressionally mandated missions effectively and safely. That's why this is a mandatory formation.

If you don't attend or complete the make-up, you can't participate in CAP activities. Period. No crew member will fly. No ground team member will participate in an ELT search. No cadet or senior member will attend a SAREX or any

other type of training activity until they review the material covered at the safety day.

An additional incentive to attend in person is the BBQ lunch provided by the yet to be determined crew of world-reknown gourmet CAP chefs. It is a funded mission so we pay for the gas. And, don't forget, this is going to be a great time! It just doesn't get any better than that!

I look forward to seeing each and every one of our 728 Oklahoma CAP members at Tinker AFB on Saturday, 22 October!

Joe R. Smith, Col, CAP
OK Wing Commander



SAFETY PLEDGE

"As a Civil Air Patrol member, I pledge to promote an uncompromising safety environment for myself and others, and to prevent the loss of, or damage to Civil Air Patrol assets entrusted to me. I will perform all my activities in a professional and safe manner, and will hold myself accountable for my actions in all of our missions for America."

MORE ON SAFETY! OKLAHOMA WING SAFETY DAY

Aaron Wardlaw OKWG/SE

Oklahoma Wing is having the Safety Day on 22 October 2005. National Headquarters mandated the safety day to be held some day during October. This will be a funded event and all corporate aircraft, vehicles, and personnel need to be in attendance. Safety Day will start at 0900, Tinker AFB, AWACS building.

There will be presentations in the morning, a grilled lunch will be provided, then outdoor activities to conclude by 1500.

There will be a squadron safety display competition with awards for the top three places. Create a table top or free standing ground presentation over a safety topic of your choosing to be displayed.

Hope to see everyone there!
Aaron Wardlaw OKWG/SE



OK WING FALL FTX

Maj Deb Spencer

The FTX will be held at the alternate location, Lake Skiatook, since Camp Gruber is being used to house hurricane evacuees. Lake Skiatook is located northwest of Tulsa.

The FTX will provide lots of hands-on training in performing various tasks. We will have sorties for missing person, missing aircraft, ELT searches and Ramp checks. This FTX will also provide advanced training in Site Surveillance and Hazardous Materials handling, featuring a guest speaker on Sunday morning.

We will not be holding any basic Ground Team academic training at this event. Those members who would like to participate in the sorties will need to have GT or UDF SQTRs with the basics already signed off. Limited training in Mission Base staff positions also will be available (Mission Radio Operator, Comm Unit Leader, Mission Staff Assistant, Ground Branch Director).

Participation letters are due to me by 9 Oct. The fee to attend is \$15 per person, and covers facilities, food and expendable supplies.

Please make plans to attend this Ground Team training exercise! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Maj Deb Spencer
OK 008 Emergency Services Officer



HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF FUND

Provided by Don Rowland

Following Hurricane Katrina, we established the "Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund." In the wake of the tumultuous hurricane season our gulf coast has now experienced following Hurricane Rita, we expanded the scope of our relief fund so that donations received can go directly to help our fellow CAP members affected by these devastating storms. The donation page can be accessed from www.cap.gov. Please let the members in your wings know that all donations now go to help their fellow CAP members in need.

An ad hoc relief fund committee was established with your NHQ staff providing support to Col Matt Sharkey, Col Tom Todd and Chap Charles Sharp. They established the following criteria for members to receive funds:

- Must be a current member of Civil Air Patrol
- Must have experienced losses in a presidential-declared disaster area
- Funds may be used for food, temporary shelter, personal health or hygiene items, medical expenses or basic clothing.

CAP's Hurricane Relief Funds are not intended to be the only source of financial assistance members receive. CAP wants to help as many affected members as possible; therefore, monies cannot be disbursed for major expenses such as automobile replacement or home repairs or construction. If members have not already done so, they are encouraged to contact their auto and home insurance provider to file a claim as soon as possible.

To further assist members working to rebuild their homes and lives, Major General Tony Pineda has approved a 90-day membership extension for any member in an affected zip due to renew in September or October. If a member in an affected zip code has a membership expiration date of 30 September, they now have until 31 December to renew. If their expiration date is 31 October, they have until 31 January 2006 to renew.

If anyone meeting the above criteria wishes to apply for funds, please contact Robin Hunt at CAP/NHQ at 334-953-2828 or rhunt@cap.gov.



CALL FOR TESTIMONIALS

Provided by Don Rowland

Public Affairs is working to uncover the Civil Air Patrol's Everyday Heroes, whose testimonials will be used in a variety of communications, marketing and public relations endeavors, including public awareness campaigns, Web site features and our Annual Report to Congress. The testimonial format provides a unique opportunity to publicize and promote the humanitarian spirit demonstrated every day by our CAP volunteers.

Please identify a member in your wing or region who is deserving of this special recognition. Who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving the needs of the local community and, indeed, the nation through CAP? In making your selection, please give careful consideration to rank, age, race and gender diversity as well as the myriad aspects of CAP volunteerism. From database management for recruiting, to accounting, public relations and medical assistants, all of our heroes play a critical role in ensuring the success of our missions for America!

Please review the guidelines listed below.....Choosing just one hero is perhaps the most daunting task of all....

Guidelines for Testimonial Candidates

Categories:

- Aerospace Education Officer
- Cadet Programs Officer
- Chaplain
- Communications Officer
- Emergency Services Officer
- Finance Officer
- Flight Operations Officer
- Historian
- Legal Officer
- Moral Leadership Officer
- Personnel Officer
- Pilot
- Public Affairs Officer
- Recruiting and Retention Officer
- Safety Officer
- Other areas

Criteria:

- Nominee must be an active, grassroots volunteer.
- Well-spoken for possible video usage.
- Look good in uniform.

Nominations for this opportunity should be forwarded to Jim Harig, Chief of Staff, NLT Friday, 14 October.



FISCAL YEAR 2005

Oklahoma was able to close out its FY05 training budget at 100.0%, exactly \$36,500.00. We were able to execute all of our \$6,675.00 orientation sortie budget except for \$27.12. Our aircraft maintenance account is ending the year with a positive balance a bit over \$7,750.00, and we are still the number two CAP wing in the Nation with an average of almost 250 flying hours per aircraft. Without any accidents or incidents.

Although we do not have anyone deployed in support of Katrina or Rita right now, we had over 20 Oklahoma CAP personnel fly as crew members or serve in staff positions during

both hurricane recovery operations.

Overall, I would say we had a very successful year in our operations department, and there are a lot of people I am extremely proud to be associated with who did their part to be ready, and then performed extremely well while doing missions for America.

Joe R. Smith, Col, CAP
OK Wing Commander



ONLINE DUTY PROMOTIONS SYSTEM ANNOUNCEMENT

Provided by Don Rowland

As we continue to move forward in our efforts to streamline processes, eliminate paperwork and reduce the burden on members and commanders we are pleased to announce that the new online Duty Performance Promotion system is released.

Web Security Administrators can assign permission to use this program to the Personnel Officer, Administrative Officer, Professional Development Officer or whomever the commander chooses. These members can enter a request for any duty performance promotion into the online promotion application and, if all training and time in grade requirements have been met, the request will be immediately forwarded to the approving authority for approval.

Commanders no longer have to complete a CAP Form 2 and forward it through channels to the approving authority. Commanders will

receive email notification of any promotion action requiring approval and then have the option to approve, disapprove or print a report to be reviewed by the Promotion Board prior to final action. Once the approving authority has approved the request, the promotion will be effective immediately and show in the member's online personnel record.

Remember this application applies to duty performance promotions only, all other categories of promotion must still be submitted on a CAP Form 2. Commanders needing additional information or assistance can contact Membership Services at 1-877-227-9142. For technical assistance please send an email to: webmaster @cap.gov.

Our thanks to all that made this process a reality.



CADET KELLER RECEIVES AEROSPACE AWARD

Captain Kathy Curtin

Cadet Dana A Keller recently received the CAP Aerospace Education Cadet of the Year which was presented by the Air Force Association.

Cadet Keller received her award during special ceremonies in Washington D.C. during the opening of the *Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition 2005*. This award recognized her leadership, planning and organizing skills, and dedication to aerospace. She is Cadet Commander and member of the Stillwater Composite Squadron who is extremely proud of her accomplishment.

"Each year the Air Force Association honors the outstanding achievements of men and women throughout the United States Air Force, government, academia and the aerospace industry. The Association presents the awards at local AFA chapter and regional forums and during national AFA events in Washington, D.C. Nominations for AFA awards are solicited from the U.S. Air Force, members and leaders of AFA and the aerospace industry, and U.S. citizens or organizations having a deep interest in aerospace activities." For more information on the AFA and the National Aerospace Awards visit their web site at AFA.org.

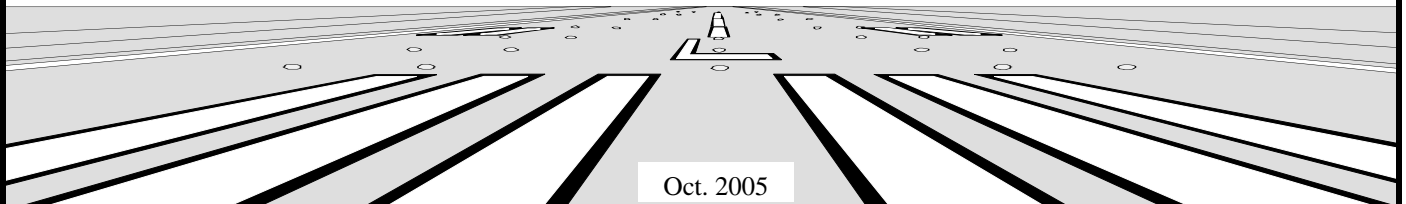


The latest issue of the SER Newsletter, "**Region ReCap**" has been posted online at ser.cap.gov. The focus of this issue is the work done during Hurricane Katrina by CAP. Please feel free to download the issue.

Matthew R. Sharkey, Colonel, CAP Commander, Southeast Region

The OKLAHOMA WINGSPAN is the official newsletter of the Oklahoma Wing of Civil Air Patrol and is published by Public Affairs Officer Capt. Kathy Curtin.

Deadline for submission of articles is 25th of each month and newsletters will be distributed at the monthly Wing Staff Meeting. Items will be approved by the Wing Commander and printed according to importance, timeliness, and available space. Articles submitted are printed "As-Is" and the Public Affairs Officer assumes no responsibility for correctness, punctuation, and grammar. Comments or articles can be submitted to the attention of OK WINGSPAN at OkHorseFly@aol.com.



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